

LOCAL NEWS.

And the cotton it comes rolling in.

LARGE quantities of cedar timber is being delivered here.

The re-appearance of the sprinkler is heartily welcomed all around town.

THE BANNER is under obligations to Mr. N. E. Dever for a bucket of peaches.

The little 4-year-old girl of Mr. J. H. Meyer is dangerously sick with typhoid fever.

THERE was a good rain south of the city Monday. A slight sprinkle falling here.

It was reported here Sunday that one of Mr. Richard Harvin's children was bitten by a mad dog at Sealy.

The colored Y. P. C. A. of this city will banquet the joint Sabbath School Convention to-night at St. John's Park.

Mr. J. B. Kemp is driving piling on his lot on West Main street preparatory to building a handsome residence thereon.

The increased patronage at the boarding houses show that the laboring men of Brenham are largely on the increase.

FIFTEEN carpenters from Dallas arrived in Brenham Monday to work on the McFadden compress, and more are expected.

The man who has money to invest can make a note of the fact that Brenham property will never be cheaper than it is now.

MESSRS. DOBERT, of the firm of Werner & Dobert, and Bohne, of the firm of Winkelman & Bohne, have just returned from New York.

The little child of Mr. W. B. Garrett, which has been suffering with meningitis for the past few days was reported some better Tuesday.

J. KOLLMER and E. H. Eversberg have bought out the insurance business of Mr. Louis Durr and will run it in the firm name of Kollmer & Eversberg.

DR. JOSEPH TRISTRAM has returned from his tour of the continent, after an absence of three months or more, and is apparently in excellent health and spirits.

MR. A. G. C. Voss requests the BANNER to state that he will not have a feast at Valley Grove next Sunday on account of the death of a member of the family.

THE cotton worms in the southern portion of the county are said to be doing considerable damage, and boll worms are reported in some sections.

Work on the McFadden compress is being pushed now, and with the extra force of hands that will come in this week, the work will be greatly accelerated.

Mrs. Dr. ROBINSON, nee Miss Kate Ewing, of Whitman, who has been here on a visit left yesterday for Albany, Texas, and from there will return to her home in Arizona.

SUPERINTENDENT HAYDEN and Train master Porter, of the Santa Fe, were here Sunday and Monday supervising the clearing away of the recent wrecks on that road.

BRENNHAM has perhaps received more cotton up to date than any city in the State. While some places are but blowing about their first bale Brenham has passed it 500th bale.

Mrs. MINNIE CLIFFORD was tried in the county court Monday on a charge of insanity and adjudged insane. The testimony showed she had been insane for about eighteen months.

COTTON seed is coming in pretty lively and find a ready market here, inasmuch as the oil mill will be started up early in September, or as soon as enough seed can be secured to keep it running.

PROF. FOSTER's predictions of excessive warm weather during the month of August was fully verified Tuesday, the weather being excessively hot, the thermometer registering 97 1/2 in the shade.

THE colored union Sunday-school convention for this district and the San Antonio district was held here Tuesday, but the proceedings were not furnished the BANNER in time for publication in this issue.

THE Gay Hill boys have challenged the Brenham boys for a match game of base ball to be played here next Saturday. The boys are all but of practice-but will probably stir up a scrub nine and play them.

Tax Collector Sam Schlenker and wife have just returned from a six weeks sojourn in the cool mountain retreats of Colorado. He spent some time in Denver and at Manitou Springs and returned in excellent health.

THE water works have found a bold running spring, connected it by pipes to the pump house and are supplementing their low supply with water pumped from this spring.

THERE will be a big dance at Mrs. Dailey's residence near Independence, next Friday night, and a number of the young folks from here have received invitations and anticipate going out if the weather is propitious.

THE negro woman cut a few weeks ago by Allen Wilder is still in a precarious condition, Dr. Spann the attending physician being doubtful of her recovery. Allen is in the county jail awaiting the result of her injuries.

MR. L. Z. HARRISON left yesterday for an extensive tour in North Texas and says he will endeavor this time to extend his territory further than on any previous trip since he has been known by the sobriquet of "Kiber's Hustler."

WINE OF CARDUL, a Tonic for Women.

BRENNHAM is to have electric lights this fall, and some arrangements should be made to get an artesian well. Good artesian water adds as much to a city as almost anything that can be done with the same amount of money.

"Our brother in black" has been gathering the fleecy staple during the past week and was "in town with a pocket full of rocks" Saturday and he spends his money like a Lord, and in consequence the merchants are smiling.

THE Galveston Oil mill seed house which was recently torn down on the east side of the Santa Fe track near the Union depot, has been moved over on the other side of the track and carpenters are at work putting it up again.

MR. HENRY KLANDER, of Gay Hill lost his daughter one day last week by a sudden attack of the cramp. She was about sixteen or seventeen years of age and was apparently in good health up to within less than an hour of her death.

MR. WM. HAMELMANN has just arranged one of the cleanest and neatest lunch counters in the city, keeping hot coffee, sandwiches, cakes, doughnuts, etc., there fresh all the time to serve to passengers on the train with whom he expects to do a good business.

THE hunting and prospecting party who went down in Bee county, and west of there returned better satisfied with old Washington county. Most any country you go to, has to "loom up" to attract a Washington county man. They are used to something fine.

BLACK-DRAUGHT tea cures Constipation.

AFTER examining all the applicants from the five counties in his district, and carefully grading the examination papers, Senator Maetze has awarded the State scholarship in the Prairie View Normal school for the 12th Senatorial District to W. T. McCall, of Thompson Station, Fort Bend county.

THE new lightning rods hanging from the clock tower of the court house standing off from the roof like guy ropes put there to anchor the tower in a perpendicular attitude, look bad, and detract instead of adding to the appearance of the building. They should have followed the wall or have been left off.

ATTENTION is directed to the change in the advertisement of Messrs. Cohen Bros., which appears in this morning's BANNER. Mr. Herman Cohen has just returned from New York, where he has been purchasing new goods, and they are now having a grand opening and offering special bargains.

DEPUTY Sheriff Salus and Constable Boyd went out to Independence Tuesday to bring in the inmates of the colored orphan home to testify in the case of Father F. M. Huhn, against whom there is a charge of cruelty to the inmates of the home. The case will come up in the county court to-day (Wednesday).

JUDGE L. KIRK and Mr. R. S. Farmer went out Tuesday to look at a couple of bridges for which the contract will be let to-day (Wednesday) to the lowest bidder. One of the bridges is 18 miles below here on the Brenham and Graball road, and is to be 31 feet long. The other is 21 miles from here on the Graball and Washington road and will be 50 feet long.

McElree's Wine of Cardui and THORP'S BLACK-DRAUGHT are sold by all Washington County dealers.

THE sprinkler is out again. No more the insufferable dust will blind the weary pedestrian, or rise in gusts of wind to settle on the interior of the dry goods stores. Mr. Gee having tried since March to get water by the aid of a wind-mill from a well, for sprinkling purposes has now made terms with the water-works and the sprinkler will be run regularly.

LOST A LEG.—John Wheeler, a negro who is well known in Brenham, having figured extensively in the police court, and worked on the streets, got run over by the cars at Paige Wednesday night, and had his leg so mangled that amputation was necessary. Drs. Williamson and Becker taking it off for him Wednesday morning.

THE preliminary trial of Mr. H. Levy on the charge of arson will be resumed before Justice Curry this morning, when it is expected that the detective who has been shadowing the States witness that was examined Tuesday, will be put on the stand, and if there is anything in the case it will probably be developed through him.

ATTENTION is directed to the change in the advertisement of Messrs. A. & H. Harrison, which announces that Mr. Abe Harrison is now in the eastern market buying goods at from 25 to 40 per cent lower than before the McKinley bill went into effect, goods that the wholesale dealers have been carrying and are now forced to unload.

MR. J. D. CARROLL purchased Monday from Mr. E. A. Franklin his patent oil can attachment for filling lamps, paying him \$1000 for the State of Texas alone. He will start out at once selling county rights, and during his absence from Brenham, which will be his headquarters. Mr. Franklin will represent him in the sale of county rights. The State right at \$1000 is regarded by Mr. Carroll as a bargain.

THE Evening News has absorbed the Capitoline, purchasing subscription and advertising lists, good-will, etc, but not the plant, that Col. Bowers will remove probably to Paris or Bonham. He will continue in the newspaper business. Hereafter Austin will have but one afternoon paper and it will not carry a hyphen either. Only a very short time ago the Capitoline said that there would be a newspaper funeral in Austin, but that it would not furnish the corpse. How about it?

MISS MINNIE HARMS, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. Fritz Harms, died at the home of her parents six miles south of this city Sunday at 1 o'clock p. m. Mr. Harms, has many friends in this county who will regret to learn of his bereavement. Death is sad at any time, but when the dark angel swoops down upon one just blooming into beautiful womanhood, the pride of the family, and plucks her while yet in the morning of life it seems sad indeed.

If convicts are not to be worked in competition with free labor in any branch of trade what is to be done with them? Don't any reasonable person know that they cannot be kept in idleness always. It would bankrupt the state, besides solitary confinement without employment would run some of them crazy and be treating them inhumanely. There are no branches of trade but what have followers, and even if new ones were opened up, competition would soon enter and then ask the authorities to stop the convicts.

MR. J. T. HAINSTON, of Independence, was in the city Saturday, and in conversation with a reporter, incidentally related his way of farming, a system which if adopted throughout the South would relieve the farmers from the depression caused on account of high corn and meat and low cotton. For twenty years he has not had to buy corn or meat for his family, or corn for any of the tenants on his farm, but raised it himself. He is, perhaps, one of a thousand that has not had to buy corn or meat in the last twenty years.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. Following is the list of marriage license issued from the County Clerk's office, for the week ending Wednesday afternoon, August the 19th, 1891:

Willie Larry to Mollie Scurry. Henry Jackson to Philip Flewellen. George Hamilton to Susan Seals. Jim Craig to Easton Burcks. Hiram Johnson to Mary Martin. Stanislaw Ondregsek to Zigilly Bridzikow. Charley Ayers to Ellen Schears.

A Mad Sow.

About three weeks ago a mad dog in the western part of the city bit a sow belonging to Dr. Williamson, a cow belonging to Mr. Wallie Wilkins and Peter Bradford's boy, about six years of age, before it was killed. The skin was not broken on the cow and it is not believed she will have hydrophobia, but yesterday morning Dr. Williamson discovered that his sow had a genuine case of hydrophobia and at once shot her. Fears are entertained for the fate of the boy, who was bitten at the same time.

In view of the number of dogs that was bitten by this dog before he was dispatched, it would be well enough for people owning dogs to keep an eye on them and chain them up if they begin to show any signs of hydrophobia. This is a season of the year when it is actually dangerous for dogs to be running around promiscuously anyway.

THE ARSON CASE.

The preliminary trial of Mr. H. Levy on the charge of arson, growing out of the burning of Messrs. Cohen Bros. store last December was commenced before Justice Curry in the county court room Tuesday afternoon.

County Attorney B. S. Rogers represented the State and W. W. Searcy and O. L. Eddins Esq's., the defendant.

Frankie Levy, who was brought here by Sheriff Teague and County Attorney Rogers Monday from Columbus was put on the stand, and her testimony all reduced to writing. She was questioned concerning some letters from the defendant, and while admitting receiving them, testified that they were burned last Saturday. Nothing of importance was adduced, apparently, though many of the questions asked and answered may have a sequel as was intimated by the prosecution, and were made part of the record.

At the conclusion of this woman's testimony, none of which appeared damaging to Levy, the case was continued until Thursday morning, when two other witnesses for the State will be produced, one of whom is a detective that has been shadowing the woman who testified Tuesday.

The case attracted considerable attention and the court room was crowded from the beginning of the trial until the close, and the crowd were entertained by the friendly sparring of the attorneys, and the sensational developments that seemed ready to crop out all the time but never materialized.

Apparently the woman's testimony was worthless to the State, and in favor of the defendant, and unless more is adduced Thursday morning there would be no case against him.

ELECTION RETURNS.

The Commissioners Court met Wednesday morning to canvass the election returns, the result of which is as follows:

For amendment to section 4 Art. 6 relating to voting, 336; against 55. For amendment to Sec. 5, Art. 7, of the Constitution, 307; against 67. For amendment to Sec. 11, Art. 16, to reduce rate of interest, 387; against 67.

For local control, 129; against 328. For amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution relating to the judiciary 303; against 118.

For representative of the 72nd district, S. G. Ragsdale, 367; Wm. Bode, 8.

As will be seen by the above vote all the amendments were carried by good majorities, except for local control, which was overwhelmingly defeated, showing that this county takes no stock in anything that even savors of prohibition, for—

In this county almost everybody. Are fond of their toddy, And drink pure old Rye, Whenever they get dry. Which doesn't concern anybody.

At least that is what one would imply by the vote cast at the recent election.

Major Ragsdale's vote was small, but is explained on the ground that he had no opposition, and the people did not take enough interest in the election to go to the polls. He got most of the vote polled, however eight complimentary votes were cast for Col. Wm. Bode.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The Arrest of Mr. H. Levy on a charge of Arson.

Something of a sensation was caused Monday just before noon by the arrest of Mr. H. Levy, clerk in the dry goods establishment of Messrs. Cohen Bros., and his incarceration in the county jail. This was only temporary, however, as immediately after noon or as soon as the bond could be made out he gave it in the sum of \$1000 for his appearance before Justice Curry this (Tuesday) morning, when he will have a preliminary hearing.

The arrest grows out of the burning of Messrs. Cohen Bros. store last December, and when the reporter called on them for information in regard to the charge they made the statement that Levy did not have a key to the store, that there were only two keys and they each had one on the night of the fire.

Colored Sunday School Convention.

The Brenham, San Antonio and Hallettsville Union Sunday school convention of the A. M. E. church convened in this city Wednesday, Rev. B. W. Roberts, presiding elder of this district, in the chair. The welcome address was delivered by Katie Neal to a large gathering, which was supplemented by Prof. Harris, of this city, Professor C. O. Hunter, principal of the Bastrop school, responding. The object of the convention was to bring the Sunday-school workers of the different sections together and allow them to compare notes and discuss the best methods of teaching and extending the church work through the channels of the Sunday school. A number of delegates were present and the meeting is said to have been an interesting one.

A PRIEST ON TRIAL.

Father F. M. Huhn and His Nineteen Slaves in Court.

Father F. M. Huhn, manager of the Colored Orphan Asylum and Industrial School, at Independence, was on trial in the county court Wednesday on the charge of ill treatment to the orphan children in his charge.

The statement published some time since in the BANNER was sworn to by State witnesses, and a good portion of the charges were admitted by Father Huhn on cross examination.

Among the developments was the fact drawn out by the State from Father Huhn that this Home was his individual property, though purchased principally with contributions. The deed is in his name, and no record shows that it would revert to the Catholic church or the Priest of this diocese, though Father Huhn says it was his intention to fix it so that it would, in case of his death, go to Bishop Gallagher, of Galveston, and through him revert to the church.

There are now 19 inmates of the Home, and the rules of the Home are that the children should work five hours and study five hours per day, though it was shown that for some time there had been few school books there, and that the children picked all the way from 40 to 100 pounds of cotton per day.

It was also developed that none of the children in the Home were Texas negroes, but came from other states.

Dr. Bartlett, who had visited the Home testified that none of them seemed to be suffering last Sunday from any ill treatment.

The testimony showed that one of the larger boys, who was dressed better than the others and sometimes fed from the Priest's table was a general manager, foreman or rather overseer, whose duty it was to see that the others did their duty.

But our limited space precludes even a summary of all the evidence, which, while it did not show any very recent cruelty, showed the children had not perhaps been treated as well as they should have been but the fact with which the evidence impressed us most, was the complete system of slavery to which he was subjecting them, and for his own personal gain—according to the evidence. The testimony showed that he had received large contributions for the maintenance of the Home and all the evidence tended to show from the way he was working them that it would be more than self-sustaining. Nineteen boys to work on a farm, under even poor management, ought to make board and clothes better than the testimony showed that they were getting. However this information is irrelevant to the case, and if the outside world are willing to pour their gold into his lap to help enrich him and improve his private possessions there, while he works his 19 slaves after the mode and fashion of anti-bellum days, we suppose its all right, and no one must say him nay, but it looks bad, and deserves to be published to the world.

After the testimony in the case the children were called up one by one and several gentlemen examined their backs, which had some marks of violence on them, and looked rough and slightly scarred, but none of recent infliction.

Judge Kirk turned the children over to Father Huhn to keep until further orders, and reserved his decision in the case for further investigation of the law and to weigh the testimony.

The court room was crowded during the trial and a slight sensation caused after the adjournment of court, by some hot words between two prominent gentlemen, but the interference of friends averted a difficulty and probable bloodshed.

Around Chappell Hill.

Mr. Joe Routt, of Chappell Hill, was in the city Tuesday, and from him the reporter learned that everything was quiet in his bailiwick. He says that Chappell Hill is receiving about forty bales of cotton per day, and that the gins are kept busy, though cotton picking is somewhat retarded by frequent showers. In the Brazos bottom the worms are making terrible ravages on the young cotton planted after the over-flow, and are being poisoned with London purple. The old cotton is too tough for them to do much damage and where they take to it they are allowed to go it unmolested and eat all they can of it unseasoned with the poisonous London purple.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

The contract for the bridges which Judge L. Kirk and Mr. R. S. Farmer went out to examine Wednesday—one 18 miles below here, on the Brenham and Graball road, to be 31 feet long; the other 21 miles from here on the Graball and Washington road, to be 50 feet long, was awarded to Mr. R. S. Farmer by the Commissioners Wednesday, he being the lowest bidder.

STATE NEWS.

—Work on the Galveston jetties is going on slowly.

—A cotton seed oil mill will soon be in operation at Greenville.

—Steve Porter was killed by Tom Cochran at Trickham recently.

—There is some talk of a glass factory being started at Jewett.

—An effort is being made to organize a silk farm at San Antonio.

—Columbus is erecting a large tabernacle for a Methodist revival.

—The San Antonio Farmers' Alliance have endorsed the alien land law.

—The Stutz theatrical company are entertaining the people of Corpus Christi.

—Hunt county has 100 school houses and a total scholastic population of \$8,780.

—Geo. Swan while on his way to Galveston with a load of watermelons was shot at by an ambushed assassin.

—A. Y. Curtis, of St. Joe, accidentally shot himself through the bowels Saturday while cleaning a pistol.

—The Alliance roller mill at Greenville is paying 75 cents per bushel for all good wheat brought to their mill.

—The Sheriff's Convention at Lampasas adjourned Thursday to meet the first Tuesday in May at Austin next year.

—Twenty thousand dollars per month is paid out by the New Birmingham Iron and Improvement company in wages.

—Hunt county has six newspapers and four national banks, with a combined capital of \$400,000, exclusive of surplus funds.

—Artesian well No 3 at Belton has a flow of nearly a million and a half gallons of water per day. Oh, for such a one at Brenham.

—Boll worms are depredating upon the cotton in Hunt county, and the farmers are administering liberal doses of Paris Green verminuge.

—Rev. W. S. Westly, known as the "cow-boy" preacher, will pitch his tent at Round Rock for the purpose of conducting a Methodist revival.

—The Reporter says that from ten to fifteen hundred dollars are paid out daily at Abilene for wheat, and the farmers are happy in consequence.

—An attempt to assassinate Juan Malumiez at Gonzales Thursday resulted in his receiving a ball in the forehead but his skull was not broken.

—Oil Spradling was jailed at Mt. Vernon, recently, charged with stealing fifty head of sheep near Saltillo from John Sparks and selling them in Paris.

—The post-office at Oakwood was burned Tuesday, together with J. C. Holby's drug store, B. A. Kimble's store, W. G. Hooker's grocery store, and two buildings, the property of Mrs. Woods, all the work of an incendiary.

—A military company with 36 members has been organized at Henderson E. W. Winson was elected captain, Dick Neal first lieutenant, B. Norrell second lieutenant, Geo Rankin first sergeant, Sam Lacy second sergeant.

—Two boys by the name of Waits, aged 13 and 16, charged with rape were arrested near Mt. Vernon recently. They waylaid two girls by the name of Bishop age 14 and 16. As the girls approached the oldest boy caught the oldest girl and threw her down, and while he had her down the youngest boy stood the other girl off with a knife. They became frightened at the approach of some one before they fully accomplished their purpose.

—There is a great scarcity of money in all the lower Rio Grande section of this State. There has been no rain to speak of for eighteen months. The ranchmen are all in debt and the farmers have been unable to raise enough for their actual needs. The scarcity of money and the impossibility of obtaining it in any quantity was emphasized Thursday at Roma, on the Rio Grande, where 278 young, fat and healthy sheep, capable of growing four pounds of wool annually, sold for 38 cents.

—Joint application of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and the Texas and Pacific railways for leave to apply rates on flour, grain, hay, etc., from points on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe to points on the Texas and Pacific railway as per tariff 604 attached. This tariff reduces rates 2 1/2 cents to 7 cents per hundred pounds by loads from all stations on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway by groups. Granted, effective August 6. The Houston, East and West Texas and the Houston and Texas Central railways ask leave to make a rate of 15 cents per 100 pounds on lumber in loads from Keno and intermediate points on the Houston and Texas Central railway via Houston. Approved, effective August 6.